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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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**CONCISE EXPLANATION OF**  
**RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

The relevance of documents A2-A4 is described in the present specification.

Document A1 (U.S. 6,043,851) relates to Document A3 (JP 10-200860).

English translations of documents A2-A4 are not readily available, however, English language abstracts are provided herewith. The absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of the application.

Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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